



ACTS AND LAWS,
Made and passed by the General Court or
Assembly of the State of Connecticut,
holden at Hartford, in said State, on the
second Thursday of May, A. D. 1787.

WHEREAS the United States in Congress assembled, have by their Resolution of the 13th of April, 1787, recommended to the several States to repeal all such Acts, and Parts of Acts, of their several Legislatures, as may be now existing in any of the said States, repugnant to the Treaty of Peace, between the United States and Great-Britain; and that each State pass such Act of Repeal, whether any such exceptionable Act is existing in such State, or not; and that rather by describing than reciting such Act, for the purpose of obviating all Disputes and Questions between the United States and Great-Britain, relative to said Treaty; and although there hath been no Complaint, or Suggestion, officially or otherwise, that there is any Act, or Part of an Act existing in this State repugnant to said Treaty; yet this Assembly being at all Times disposed to conform to the true Intent, and Spirit of the Articles of Confederation, and to prevent and remove (so far as to this Assembly doth appertain) all Causes of Dispute and Contention, and every just Ground of Complaint, have thought it fit to Enact. And,

Be it enacted, by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That such of the Acts, or Parts of Acts of the Legislature of this State, as are repugnant to the Treaty of Peace between the United States and his Britannic Majesty, or any Article thereof shall be, and hereby are repealed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Courts of Law and Equity within this State be, and they hereby are directed and required in all Causes and Questions cognizable by them respectively, and arising from, or touching said Treaty, to decide and adjudge according to the Tenor, true Intent and Meaning of the same. Any Thing in the said Acts, or Parts of Acts to the contrary thereof, in any wise notwithstanding.

An Act in addition to, and alteration of an Act, entitled, an Act for regulating Fees, and to repeal a certain Paragraph of an Act, entitled, an Act for establishing the Wages of the Judges of the Superior Court.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, the Wages and Allowances of the several public Officers hereafter mentioned shall be as follows, viz.—To the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of Errors, *Fifteen Shillings per Diem*, and to the other Judges of said Court *Twelve Shillings per Diem*, each during their actual Attendance respectively.

Delegates. To the Delegates of this State in lieu of Salary and all Expences, *Thirty Shillings per Diem* whilst going to, attending on, and returning from the Congress of the United States.

Judges of the Sup. Court. To the Chief Judge of the Superior Court a Salary of *Two Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds per Annum*, and to the rest of the Judges of the Superior Court a Salary of *Two Hundred Pounds each per Annum*, in lieu of Day Wages and Expences, except dining Expences for the Court.

Clerk of said Court. To the Clerk of the Superior Court a Commission of Two and an Half per Centum on all Monies received as the Avails of said Court, and by him paid over to the Treasurer of this State.

Sheriffs. To the several Sheriffs for distributing the public Laws and Proclamations, and for their actual Attendance on the Assembly at the Election, each, *Forty Shillings*.

Clerks. To Clerks employed in any of the public Officers of this State, a Sum not exceeding *Eight Shillings per Diem* for the Term of Six Months next after the rising of this Assembly, and subsequent to that Term of Time a Sum not exceeding *Six Shillings per Diem*, whilst in actual employ.

Paragraph repealed. *And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the first Paragraph of a Law of this State, entitled, An Act for establishing the Wages of the Judges of the Superior Court, be, and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.*

An Act in addition to an Act, entitled, an Act for constituting and regulating Courts and appointing the Times and Places for holding the same.

New Milford District. **B**E it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Towns of New-Milford and Kent, and the North Society in New-Fairfield, shall be one Probate District, and shall be called by the Name of the District of New-Milford.

Court instituted to have a Clerk, &c. *And be it further enacted, That the Court of Probate in said District shall be held and kept by one Judge to be appointed and commissioned for that purpose, which Judge shall have a Clerk, by him to be appointed, and sworn to the Office, and the said Court of Probate shall have all the Powers and Authorities which other Courts of Probate in this State by Law have.*

Provided

Provided nevertheless, That all matters now depending and unfinished in any of the Courts of Probate in whose Districts the aforesaid Towns and Proviso. Society are included, shall be finished in such Court.

An Act in addition to a Law of this State, entitled, an Act for constituting and regulating Courts, and appointing the Times and Places for holding the same.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, the Times of holding county courts in Middlesex county, shall be as follows, viz. at Middletown on the second Tuesday of November annually, and at Haddam on the first Tuesday of April annually; and that any adjourned or Special County Court may be holden at such Times and Place within either of said Towns in said County, as said County Court shall order and determine; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act in addition to, and alteration of an Act, entitled, an Act for erecting and establishing a new County.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future, the Time of holding the Court of Common Pleas, within and for the County of Tolland, shall be on the first Tuesday of March annually, instead of the third Tuesday of March, which heretofore has been the Time of holding county. said Court; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

An Act for stating the Fare of Stratford Ferry over New-Field Harbour.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Fare of said Stratford Ferry shall be as follows, to wit, For a single Man *One-penny half-penny*, for a Man, Horse and Load *Three-pence*, for a lead Horse *Two-pence*, for an Ox or any other Neat Kine *Four-pence*, for every two wheeled Carriage with one Man and a draft Horse *Six-pence*, for every four wheeled Carriage one Man and a draft Horse *Nine-pence*, and for every additional Person or Horse, or other Beast, the same as is afore stated in like Cases, and for a Goat, Swine, or Sheep, *Three-farthings*. Fare of Stratford Ferry.

An Act in alteration of an Act, entitled an Act for Regulating Ferries.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Fare of a Team and Load at the Ferry in Hartford, be *One Shilling and Six-pence*, and for a Waggon, Horses, and Load, *One Shilling*. Fare of Hartford Ferry.

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An Act for the Encouragement of the raising of Hemp.

40s. per acre
to be deduct-
ed from the
list for land
sowed with
hemp.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That all Persons in this State may annually during the continuance of this Act, insert in their several Lists of Polls and rateable Estate given in to the Listers of the respective Towns to which such Persons belong, an Account of the Quantity of Land which they shall have severally sowed with Hemp, in the Season next preceeding the giving in such List, and thereupon said Listers in making up the Lists of Estate as aforesaid, shall credit and deduct from the Sum total of the List of such Persons respectively, at the rate of *Forty Shillings* per Acre for any Quantity of Land sowed with Hemp and inserted in the List as aforesaid.

Listers to
fourfold, &c.

And be it further enacted, That if such Listers by inspecting the Lists of rateable Estate as the Law directs, shall find that any Person or Persons have inserted in their Lists, any greater Quantity of Land to have been sown with Hemp than was actually sowed with Hemp, it shall be the Duty of such Listers, to add to the List of such Person or Persons Fourfold the Sum deducted as aforesaid.

Land exempt-
ed from the
list.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Land sowed with Hemp in the Season next preceeding the giving in the List of rateable Estate, shall be exempted from such Lists.

Duty on im-
ported hemp
and cordage.

And it is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That a Duty of *Six Shillings* shall be paid on each Hundred Weight of Hemp or Cordage imported into this State by Land or Water, from and after the first Day of May A. D. 1789; which Duties shall be collected and paid in the same Manner as is already by Law provided for the Collection and Payment of Duties on other imported Articles.

Provido.

Provided, That nothing in this Act shall extend to the Growth or Manufacture of the United States.

Continuance.

And it is further enacted, That this Act shall continue in Force for the Term of Seven Years from the rising of this Assembly, and no longer.

An Act in addition to an Act, entitled, an Act for encouraging and regulating Fisheries.

Duty of 3s.
per quintal on
fish imported.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That for the future there shall be a Duty of *Three Shillings* Lawful Money on each Barrel or Quintal of Fish, which shall be imported or sold within this State, not caught by some of the Subjects of this, or the United States; and that the Monies arising thereon, be appropriated towards the support of civil Government; to be collected in the same Manner, and under the same Penalties, as Goods, Wares, and Merchandize imported into this State by Land or Water.

Provido.

And it is further enacted, That when any Question shall arise pursuant to the Provisions of this Act, by whom such Fish were caught, the burthen of Proof shall lye on the Importer thereof.